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 SECURE CASHLESS GAMING )  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004. Claims 1-2, 6, and 10 are pending. Claims 1-2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly unpatentable over a combination of patents including Raven et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,429,361) and Elliot (U.S. Patent No. 5,036,461). Initially, Applicant notes that the Office Action apparently overlooks claim 6, which is still pending. Only claims 3-5 and 7-9 were previously canceled by the Preliminary Amendment filed November 13, 2001.

Without acquiescence in the grounds of the rejection, and without prejudice to pursue at a later time, Applicant has amended herein independent claim 1 to clarify the subject matter being claimed, and canceled claim 10. It is believed that claims 1-2 are thereby placed in form for allowance, and that claim 6, as originally presented, is likewise allowable. In addition, new claims 11-22 have been added.

Accordingly, please amend this application as shown herein. In view of the amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.